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October 21, 2022

The Rev. Dr. Walter Szymanski, 1939-2022

The Rev. Dr. Walter Szymanski died peacefully at his home in Lawrenceville on Wednesday, October 19.

Walter was the son of the late Helen and Walter Szymanski; companion and friend of Paul Marrocco for over 40 years; brother of Mary Lou Long and the late Donald Szymanski; and many other family and friends.



After graduating from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Walter went to Rochester, NY, where he received his Masters Degree in Theology & Psychology and Doctorate in Divinity. He worked with the Episcopal Church clinically and pastorally in Family Therapy and Addiction Recovery. He especially enjoyed working with the developmentally-disabled through an organization called the Star Group and with the LGBT community.

After 19 years, he returned to Pittsburgh and became the priest at St. Paul's, Monongahela, where the church grew and prospered. He also served for several years as an assistant at Calvary, East Liberty. He was well known in many parishes in the diocese due to his work as a supply priest.

Walter was always quick to share a joke, a laugh, and his deep love of Jesus Christ.

Funeral services will be private and he will be buried in his adopted hometown of Rochester, NY.

Condolences will be collected by the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, 325 Oliver Avenue, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on behalf of the family.

May Walter's soul, and the souls of all of the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

